

## MEMORANDUM

*With reference to Mr. GEORGE M. DAWSON, F.G.S.,*

ASSOCIATE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES.



Mr. Dawson is a native of this Dominion, and the oldest surviving son of Principal Dawson, of McGill College, Montreal. He received his early education in Montreal, but did not go <sup>up</sup> for his degree in the University in consequence of a severe ~~illness~~ <sup>illness</sup>. On his recovery, he entered the Royal School of Mines, London, and took its full course of study extending over three years. He passed in 1872 as Associate of the Royal School of Mines, taking the first place in his class, and the Edward Forbes Medal and Prize in Palaeontology, and Natural History. He had previously taken the Murchison Prize for Geology in his Second Year. On returning to Canada, he was engaged for a year in Mining Surveys in Nova Scotia and in lecturing in Morrin College Quebec. He was then appointed Geologist and Botanist to the British North American Boundary Commission, in which capacity he served for two years, and prepared an elaborate Report on the Geology and Resources of the country in the vicinity of the 49th parallel, which was published by the Commission. In connection with this work he also prepared a Memoir on the superficial Deposits of the great interior plain of America which was published in the proceedings of the Geological Society of London, of which he is a Fellow; and papers on the Locust Visitation, and on the Fresh-water Sponges of Canada, which were published in the Canadian Naturalist. On the completion of the Boundary Survey, he received an appointment on the Staff of the Geological Survey of the Dominion, and has been occupied for nearly two years in the Survey of British Columbia.

While attending the School of Mines, Mr. Dawson devoted especial attention to Geology and Palaeontology, under the able tuition of Ramsay, Huxley and Etheridge, and in connection with his work on the Boundary Commission he has given much time and study to the special geology and fossils of the principal North American formations. He is also a good microscopist and a skilful draughtsman. His merits as a careful observer and accurate and lucid describer may be judged of by his published Reports.

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on the C.O. It is on  
"Practical Conclusions"?

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